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FOR IAA FROM WHITFIELD

SUBJECT: SPORTS TIES WITH SOUTH AFRICA: OAU BOYCOTT

REF: STATE 052527

1. REQUEST POLICY GUIDANCE CONCERNING FEB. 21-22 OAU COUNCIL OF MINISTERS RESOLUTION CALLING FOR MEMBER STATES TO REFRAIN FROM PARTICIPATING IN SPORTS EVENTS WITH ALL COUNTRIES MAINTAINING SPORTS TIES WITH SOUTH AFRICA, IN LIGHT OF UP-COMING DAVIS CUP MATCH BETWEEN US-SOUTH AFRICA APRIL 16-17.

2. DISCUSSION WITH SCSSA OFFICIALS YAOUNDE REVEALS THAT THEY

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EXPECT BOYCOTT TO BE APPLIED TO US IN EVENT US TEAM PARTICIPATES IN DAVIS CUP MATCH.

3. USIA SHOULD BE AWARE OF RECENT EAST AFRICAN PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT BY REPRESENTATIVE KENYAN NATIONAL SPORTS COUNCIL THAT KENYAN SCHOLARSHIP STUDENT ATHLETES ABROAD EXEMPT FROM AFRICAN BAN ON COMPETING AGAINST NEW ZEALAND, CITING OFFICIAL POLICY THAT THEY DO NOT REPRESENT KENYA WHILE PERFORMING FOR THEIR UNIVERSITIES

ABROAD.

4. SCSA AND OAU POSITION NOT CLEAR WHETHER BOYCOTT OFFICIALLY DIRECTED TO A NATION OR ALSO APPLIED TO SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS WHICH ARE NON-GOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE, ALTHOUGH IT IS CLEAR THAT THEY EXPECT WHITLAM OF NEW ZEALAND TO TAKE EFFECTIVE STEPS TO STOP SPORTS TIES BETWEEN PRIVATE NEW ZEALAND SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS AND SOUTH AFRICA. ALSO UNCLEAR IS SCSA AND OAU OFFICIAL POSITION RELATIVE TO KENYA EXCEPTION, WHICH WILL AFFECT SPORTS SCHOLARSHIPS PRESENT AND FUTURE GIVEN TO AFRICAN ATHLETES BY US UNIVERSITIES.

5. IN FORMULATING POLICY GUIDANCE USIA MAY WISH TO SPELL OUT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN US GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS.

6. ALSO MAY WISH TO POINT OUT THAT AAU AND OTHER SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS FREE TO DEAL DIRECTLY WITH SCSA AND ARE NOT REQUIRED TO PROCEED THROUGH USG CHANNELS, ALTHOUGH THIS MAY ON OCCASION BE DONE FOR CONVENIENCE.  
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